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Vermont Resident Pleads Guilty to Federal Firearms Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Tennyson Marceau**, 19, of Lyndonville, Vermont, pled guilty on June 27, 2007 in U.S. District Court in Bangor to Theft of Firearms From a Federal Firearms Licensee.

Marceau faces a possible sentence of up to 10 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000, or both, on this Class C Felony.

Court records reveal that on April 23, 2007, Marceau and another individual stole 15 firearms (8 rifles and 7 pistols) from the Maine Military Supply, a federal firearms licensee, located at 735 Wilson Street in Brewer, Maine. The store's video surveillance system recorded the arrival of a Jeep Cherokee, later identified as being owned by the other individual, backing up to the front door of the store, and the breaking of the front door glass as a landscaping stone was thrown through the door. Also caught on the surveillance tape were Marceau and the other individual entering the store.

With a metal pipe, the other individual struck the display case several times where the handguns were displayed, until the case broke. He removed the handguns and placed them in a backpack style bag. At the same time, Marceau vaulted the store counter to the area where assault rifles and similar type assault weapons were stored, and removed several assault rifles and placed them in a duffel bag. In less than 2 minutes from the time they pulled up to the store, Marceau and the other individual left the store carrying the bags containing the firearms, got into the Jeep Cherokee and drove away.

This burglary involved gun violence at a local business engaged in interstate commerce, the reduction of which is a significant federal enforcement priority of Maine's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Eastern Maine Violent Crime Task Force, the Brewer Police Department, the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office, the Bangor Police Department, the Maine State Police and the Vermont State Police.

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